



**Jeff McMahan, Professor of Philosophy at Rutgers University, speaks on "Killing Civilians in War" on October 29, 2008, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.**



**Jeff McMahan's lecture, which considered various ethical dilemmas involving civilians in wartime, drew an interdisciplinary crowd of more than 60 to the Mershon Center.**



**Jeff McMahan's most recent work focuses on the ethics of killing in war, as self-defense, and as a mode of punishment. A significant strand of this current work is dedicated to the re-examination of traditional just war theory.**



**Discussion after Jeff McMahan's talk lasted long after the traditional question-and-answer session ended. Several people stayed for an hour or longer to ask questions and talk with McMahan.**